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SUBJECT: NPG - DANISH PROPOSAL TO HOST SPRING 1978
NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. AT JULY 4 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING (REPORTED SEPTTEL),
DANISH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES PLANNED TO OFFER TO HOST
THE SPRING 1978 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE SAID DENMARK
IS ALSO DUE TO HOST AN EEC SUMMIT DURING THE SPRING, AND
THEREFORE, HIS AUTHORITIES WERE BEGINNING TO SORT OUT
DATES. THE TIME PERIOD THEY PREFER FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL
IS BETWEEN 15 APRIL AND 15 MAY. DANISH REP SAID HIS AUTH-
ORITIES ALSO ASSUMED THAT A LOGICAL SEQUENCE FOR THE MAJOR
NATO MEETINGS DURING THE SPRING 1978 WOULD BE NPG, DPC,
AND SUMMIT. HE REQUESTED NPG COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN
THE SPRING 1978 MINISTERIAL TO INFORM HIM WHETHER THE TIME
PERIOD OF 15 APRIL-15 MAY WAS ACCEPTABLE AND ALSO WHETHER
THERE WERE ANY PREFERENCES AT THIS TIME FOR SPECIFIC DATES
DURING THIS PERIOD. FOLLOWING SUCH RESPONSES, HIS AUTHOR-
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ITIES WOULD PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL,
WHICH THEY HOPED COULD BE APPROVED DURING EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DATES FOR THE DPC AND NATO SUMMIT
MEETINGS HAVE NOT BEEN FIXED YET, WE SEE ADVANTAGE, AS
SUGGESTED BY DENMARK, IN SCHEDULING THE NPG MINISTERIAL
BEFORE THE DPC. THE TIME PERIOD SUGGESTED BY DENMARK

WOULD PROBABLY ACCOMMODATE SUCH A SEQUENCE. END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON ACCEPT-
ABILITY OF 15 APRIL-15 MAY TIME PROPOSED BY DENMARK FOR
THE SPRING NPG MINISTERIAL, AND ANY SPECIFIC DATES
WASHINGTON MIGHT PREFER FOR THE MEETING. STREATOR

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